

How Would a Governance Change Affect POLICE SERVICES?

What are Police Response Times for Our Area?

Call Type	2004 Average King County Sheriff Response Times* for the F-3, F-4, and F-5 patrol districts			Current City of Renton Response Times*
	F-3	F-4	F-5	
CRITICAL DISPATCH: incidents which pose an obvious danger to the life of an officer or citizen, including felony crimes in progress, help the officer situations, shootings, stabbings, in-progress robberies and in-progress burglaries where the possibility of a confrontation between a victim and a suspect exists, and for manually-activated commercial ("hold up" or "panic") alarms.	4.15 minutes	5.3 minutes	4.88 minutes	2.49 minutes
IMMEDIATE DISPATCH: for incidents requiring immediate police action, all silent passively-activated alarms at banks, businesses, and residences, injury accidents, for major disturbances with weapons involved. Also includes in-progress burglaries of unoccupied structures, other types of crimes in-progress or which have just occurred, where a suspect may still be in the immediate area.	9.89 minutes	10.60 minutes	11.47 minutes	8.13 minutes
PROMPT DISPATCH: For situations that could escalate to a more serious degree is not policed quickly. Examples are verbal disturbances, blocking accidents, hazardous situations, separated domestic violence situation, shoplifters in custody who are not causing a problem, and mental or physical trauma situations.	18.24 minutes	20.28 minutes	20.61 minutes	11.15 minutes
ROUTINE DISPATCH: Calls for which time is <u>not</u> the critical factor in the proper handling of the call, such as burglaries or larcenies that are <u>not in progress</u> , audible commercial and residential alarms, "cold" vehicle thefts and abandoned calls, and dispatch is made as soon as reasonably possible.	58.22 minutes	62.71 minutes	65.23 minutes	23.10 minutes

*Sheriff's Office and City of Renton response times include all time from when the call was received by a 9-1-1 call receiver to the time that the officer arrives on scene.

How Does the Sheriff's Office Respond to Our Area Now?

The Sheriff's Office is the chief law enforcement agency in King County, and provides regional, local unincorporated, and contract police services in selected cities and areas throughout the County. The agency's

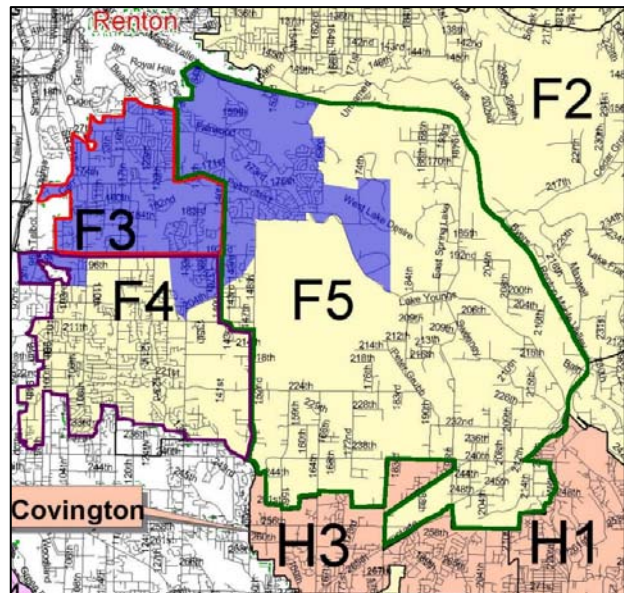
functions vary widely to meet the differing needs of communities, as well as legal mandates. In Southeast King County, three patrol districts (F-3, F-4, F-5 -- see map) serve this area now. The darkest shaded area of the map is the entire Fairwood/Cascade/Spring Glen area.

The Sheriff's Office typically staffs each of these three patrol districts with a minimum of one deputy per district per shift, with backup available from the surrounding unincorporated areas.

In addition, the area is served by a storefront officer and a school resource officer. Patrol supervision, burglary/larceny investigations, and drug investigations are provided from the Maple Valley Precinct. All other Sheriff's Office services, including major investigations (e.g., homicide, rape, fraud), K-9 units, SWAT, and administration are provided by central units, many of which are headquartered in Kent.

Would Response Times Change if Fairwood Incorporated?

Proposed City of Fairwood boundaries include parts of patrol districts F3 and F5, and a small part of the F4 patrol district.



The financial feasibility analysis of the proposed City of Fairwood assumes that a new City of Fairwood would contract with the King County Sheriff's Office for public safety services for the same level of service that is provided today plus a city police chief. That "same-level-of-service" assumption means that response times in the newly incorporated city would remain similar to response times today in current patrol districts (see table on page 1).

However, there are a variety of contracting options available to a new City. The future City might choose to expand and extend its public safety services, and the City could opt to purchase additional patrols or reallocate services within the contract to achieve lower response times. Actual experience in newly incorporated cities has shown that a new city with dedicated (city only) staffing has different response times than a large county patrol district.

What is Renton's Police Level of Service?

Renton staffs patrol districts with 1.6 officers per 1,000 residents. There are 239 police departments in Washington, and Renton is proud to be one of the twelve of those agencies that are nationally accredited. The national accreditation program was started in 1979 to develop a set of law enforcement standards, and to establish and administer an accreditation process through which law enforcement agencies could demonstrate voluntarily that they meet professionally recognized criteria for excellence in management and service delivery. Accreditation addresses department policy and procedures, management, operations, and support services. The Renton Police Department has to comply with 442 standards in order to maintain accredited status. Accreditation lasts for three years, and Renton Police Department has earned re-accredited status three times.

The benefits of accreditation include: Controlled/limited liability, risk and exposure, stronger defense against lawsuits and citizen complaints, greater accountability within the agency, staunch support from government officials, and increased community advocacy.

Would my address change upon annexation?

Under current City policy, yes. However, the City Council is considering maintaining current addresses.

For ease of public safety response to emergencies, Renton Police and Fire Departments currently identify residents of the city based on a Renton address and:

A four-digit or less house number and a two-digit street address.

Example: 2006 SE 18th Street

OR

A four-digit or less house number and a street name.

Example: 2006 Harrington Avenue NE